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NO HYSTERIA, NO COMPLACENCY

(From The New York Times)

We and our friends have had a bad three weeks. There is no doubt about that. Part of the shock, it is true, was due to the withholding of information which it was judged might have been useful to the enemy. Part of it was due to miscalculations as to what the enemy could do. The enemy could not operate tanks successfully in South Korea—but they did. Air power could break up an advance in South Korea, even an advance spearheaded by heavy tanks—but it could not. A small American ground force would be sufficient to discourage the enemy and restore the morale of our friends, the South Koreans—but this it could not do. Now, on this third Sunday of this "incident," we still have no firm line. It has been a bad three weeks. But it is not the end of the world.

We have had bad weeks before and bad months. We had at least eight bad months between Dec. 7, 1941, when Pearl Harbor was attacked, and Aug. 7, 1942, when the Marines landed on Guadalcanal. During those months the Japanese swept down the coast of Eastern Asia, taking Malaya, the Philippines, Indonesia, Burma, Guam and Wake Islands, plunging eastward and southward as far as New Guinea and the Solomons, threatening at one and the same time India, New Zealand and Australia. In North Africa the Axis troops pushed the British to the borders of Egypt. The Germans were deep into Russia. On Aug. 7 it would be months before Guadalcanal was secure, before the Germans would be defeated at El Alamein, before the tide of the Russian war had turned at Stalingrad, before the North African landings. The situation was not good. Still, it was not the end of the world.

America and her allies had a resilience and courage that in retrospect seem in accord with the laws of nature. They had been mauled in the Far East and in Europe. The seas were perilous. The flames of burning ships lit up our very coast. But the will to put the enemy down did not waver. In this smaller and localized war we and our friends have again been caught unprepared and again have suffered losses and defeats. But have friends— more than we had then. We have at least forty-seven friends in the United Nations, some of whom have responded or will respond to Secretary General Lie's appeal for armed assistance, others of whom will send material aid of one kind or another.

Our emotions as we watch our outnumbered, our-weaponed soldiers in Korea must be a mingling of pity, sorrow and admiration. For many of the fighters we have sent and are sending to that grim destination this will be the end of their private world. This is the sacrifice that is asked of them, justified only by the hope that what they are now doing will help to keep this war a small war and that the death of a small number will prevent the slaughter of millions. The choice has been a terrible one. We cannot be cheerful about it, or even serene. But we need not be hysterical. We need not accept as inevitable a greater war and the collapse of civilization.

We must likewise—and especially when the tide turns in Korea, as it surely will—avoid the pitfall of complacency. Our task now is two-fold: first, to win the Korean war, as soon as possible, with the least possible cost in life, and in hearty cooperation with our friends; second, to make ourselves and our friends so strong that there will be no third World War.

We do not know how strong we will have to be. The Government at Washington does not know. Lake Success cannot provide an answer. This newspaper has already recommended that the trained soldiers of the National Guard and the Organized Reserve be made available. It has recommended that we impose economic controls commensurate with the degree of military mobilization deemed necessary. We have to draw the lines carefully and calmly. We do not want to starve our civilian economy, restrict the liberties of our citizens or unduly inflate the powers of the Federal Government in order to be prepared for war. Nor dare we, by weakness and irresolution, invite attack.

The decisions to be made will take some figuring, in human as well as material terms. But if we are wise, calm and strong we may persuade the potential aggressor against a battle he cannot win. And then, perhaps, we can get on with the mighty task of building for millions of people a happier world.

HAYFIELD GAMBLER

(New York Herald-Tribune)

Beyond an occasional try at bingo, or a chance taken on a quilt at a church fair, the average farmer is not a gambler—at least as the word is understood at race tracks or in the revolving world of slot machines. Perhaps this is because a countryman knows that he does not have to join in the organized chance devices of men to become a gambler.

Never is this obstinate fact more evident than in haying time. Every forenoon a farmer looks at the sky with an eye of distrust of the 24-hour-ahead forecast of the weather bureau, or the equally predictive voice of the kitchen radio set. What a farmer must figure out is whether there will be showers before sunset. On this depends how much hay he will "lay down" before his dinnertime nooning, and how soon he should begin to take in yesterday's mowing.

Instead of studying a racing form, a farmer becomes a reader of clouds, pondering the possible attack of thunderheads—those rounded, white cumulus clouds with shining edges. Lying along the horizon of a hill country, such clouds are lovely things on a clear, warm Summer morning. Admiring their foamy towers and domes, the farmer knows he must take a chance on whether a shower will come at 3 in the afternoon, or not until the last load of hay is safely in the barn—safe with every rustle, every dry electric-top, every interned grasshopper. Odd as it may seem, a hayfield gambler has his system of play. It is instinctive and has no known base of meteorology. Like a morning glory on a farm stone wall, he knows that a thunderhead can be half bluff and half beauty.

3,000 APPLE VARIETIES ARE 2,991 TOO MANY

(From Winchester Star)

Henry W. Miller, Jr., of Paw Paw, West Virginia, writing in the "Appleland News," says that "there are over 3,000 known varieties of apples produced and consumed in the United States." Mr. Miller, one of the nation's most prominent and progressive apple growers, observes "that is just about 2,991 too many."

We concur. In our opinion, there are less than a dozen good commercial varieties. The rest of the 3,000 are, generally speaking a nuisance and an expense. And from the housewife's point of view, as Mr. Miller points out, why should she "be faced with the impossible task of trying to learn by trial and error the merits and demerits of the countless varieties, some of which should always be cooked, while others should generally be eaten raw, and still others are just hog apples."

Growers individually and as an industry would profit, we believe, by gradually eliminating or refusing to replant, certainly, such varieties as King David, Senator, Mother, Ben Davis, Shedpnose, Duchess, Gravenstein, Black Twig, Northern Spy and Bonum, to mention only a few.

The desirable commercial varieties, in our opinion, are the following: Stayman, York, Delicious, Rome Beauty, Winesap, Golden Delicious, Jonathan and possibly Northwestern Greening, Grimes Golden, and Lowry.

Mr. Miller, an apple grower with 26 year's experience, "approaches the future with faith and confidence." We do also. But in the apple business, as in any other, one cannot stand still; one must be alert to progress. And certainly a progressive step would be to gradually eliminate dozens of expensive, unprofitable and undesirable varieties.

THOUGHT FOR TODAY

(From the London Times Literary Supplement)

Intense and unremitting anxiety is generally held to be one of the chief characteristics of contemporary Europe. It is a disease of individual psychology, but it is at present so widespread as to make it almost an element in the European character . . . In eastern Europe, and even to some extent in the United States, men know where they are going and are confident of their powers. In western Europe they know nothing of their goal; only that they follow a road mapped out by others; and that deviation from it is not possible.

Homemaker's Items

Thin, transparent plastic bags are ideal to use for rolling crackers and cookies for crumbs. This does away with crumbs flying in every direction, and you can see when they are of the desired consistency. The zipper type of plastic bag is more convenient to use. However, if you do not have a zipper bag, fold the open of the other type over and fasten with paper clips.

It's sometimes hard to remove old finish from tiny grooves on the arms and legs of furniture. You may find this trick helpful—dip a piece of twine in the paint and varnish remover and see-saw back and forth through the groove or rings.

Here's a hint for the person with a pet dog or cat — glue an old rubber jar ring under the animal's feeding dish. This helps keep it anchored to the floor and prevents upsets.

You can cut an angel cake with a silk or mercerized thread. Bring your thread up under the cake as if you were lying a knot, then cut through the cake. If you use this method you won't mash the cake when cutting it.

Low Poultry Prices May Continue

Little relief from the current low poultry prices is foreseen for the remainder of 1950, says D. U. Liver-more, poultry marketing specialist at V. P. I.

Storage stocks of shell eggs are double those of a year ago, and frozen egg stocks are 45 per cent greater. The large storage holdings, Livermore says, will compete with fresh egg supplies the last half of 1950, and probably will offset in part any decrease in supply.

Meanwhile, a sharp decrease in hatchings in June is reported, and is believed to be a reflection of the unfavorable egg-feed and chicken-feed ratios that have prevailed this year.

Livermore says a 10 per cent reduction in chickens raised this spring probably will not result in a corresponding 10 per cent reduction in the number of laying hens on farms in 1951. This is because the number of hens carried over is seldom reduced as much as the number of chickens raised.

Present hen numbers are too large and egg supplies exceed demand, as evidenced by the 56,000,000 pounds of dried eggs which had been purchased through May under the government price support program. This is 12,000,000 more pounds than were brought during the corresponding period last year. Egg purchases are expected to continue at levels sharply in excess of a year ago.

Five men trapped by mine fire in Utah.

Upswing in Hog Prices Noted In Recent Weeks

A rapid advance in prices of market hogs has been recorded in the past few weeks, and in early July the Chicago market reached the highest peak since November 30, 1948.

George Herring, animal husbandman for the Extension Service at V. P. I., said the rise in prices brought about a much more favorable relationship between the price of feed and the price of hogs. The strong demand for pork products coupled with reduced supplies was responsible for the unusual price rise, he says.

A look ahead shows an expected slight decrease in the fall pig crop. High feed prices in relation to market hog prices in April and May when most sows in Virginia are bred for fall farrow no doubt had their effect.

The Virginia spring pig crop, on the other hand, showed a 3 per cent increase over 1949.

Nationally, the 1950 spring pig crop totaled 60,079,000 head, an increase of 3 per cent over 1949. The number of sows farrowing was 6 per cent above last year, but less litters were saved per litter.

Russia seen as "working off" bomb.

Viviana Green urges the unification of workers.

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Evergreen

Evergreen, July 18.- Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Staples spent last Sunday in Lynchburg with their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Sam White.

A. B. Ferguson has returned home after spending a week with his sister, Mrs. W. T. Childers, of Vera.

Those visiting in the home of Mrs. O. C. Paulette the past week were Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Calhoun, Jr., of Baltimore; Mrs. Lola Calhoun and Mrs. Bernice Calhoun, of Lynchburg; Mrs. L. M. Southall and Mrs. H. M. Robinson, Miss Ernestine Southall, of Pamplin and Joe Faulette and family, of Madison Heights.

Misses Jean LeGrand, Joan Harris and Mrs. Elijah Cawthorne are attending a convention this week at Massanetta Springs.

Mrs. Howard Glover and girls attended a family reunion at Mrs. W. T. Childers' Sunday. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Lee Greene and son, Herbert, of Farmville, Va.

Emmet Paulette has returned home from the hospital after having his tonsils removed.

Mr. and Mrs. Julian White are the proud parents of a nine-pound baby boy born Saturday.

Those visiting in the home of Mrs. C. J. Paulette this past week were J. R. Conner, of Lynchburg; Mrs. Corinne Faulette, of Appomattox; Mr. and Mrs. Elijar Farrar, Jessie Franklin, Mrs. O. C. Paulette, Mr. and Mrs. Ryland Staples and daughter.

Mrs. Sam Beach and children, of Baltimore are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. LeGrand.

The Rev. T. L. Simpson called to see Mrs. G. W. Glover and family Monday afternoon.

Henry Simmons, Lawrence Hodges and Edwin Carter, who have been at Camp Pickett, spent the week-end with their home people.

Mrs. Mary Sullivan, of Lynchburg spent the week-end in the home of Mrs. G. W. Glover.

J. L. Evans and the Rev. T. L. Simpson visited Mrs. Evans in Catawba recently.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Warriner visited Mr. and Mrs. Joe Paulette Sunday.

Grover Childers and daughter, Mary Helen called to see Mrs. Howard Glover and family Tuesday.

Richwood

Richwood, July 18.- "Examine your heart and conscience closely and learn what benefit you have been and are to your community and country." —Quoted.

Services at Wesley Chapel at 3 P. M. Sunday.

Mrs. J. E. Wooldridge was the guest of Mrs. D. A. Pugh Friday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Paulette and family, of Brookneal spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Harvey.

Mrs. J. M. Clapp and daughter, of Richmond were the guests over the week-end of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Harvey.

Mr. and Mrs. I. Q. Garner and daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Rice, of Takoma Park, were the guests Wednesday of last week with Mr. and Mrs. G. I. Watts and Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Woodall and Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Davis and family, of Lynchburg visited with Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Pugh Sunday evening.

The Mayor and Mrs. G. B. Brannan, of Richwood had a visitor, a Mayorette, arrive Saturday, 15 July. Name Valera Marvis. All are well and happy.

The following were guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. I. Watts last week: Mrs. Charles Wessell, Miss Emma Wessell and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Nickolson, of Evansville, Ill; Mr. an dMrs. F. L. Doty and Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Hahn and children, of Takoma Park.

Mrs. Henry Fleshman was visiting with Mrs. D. A. Pugh on Monday afternoon.

Rocks

Rocks, July 18.- Farmers are anxious for the wheat to get dry so they can thresh it.

J. P. Ransone, Sr., of Norfolk, was visiting his brother, S.C. Ransom recently.

Mrs. D. R. Inge is out again after being quite ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Adkinson and children, of Alexandria, were visiting Mrs. D. R. Inge and Mr. and Mrs. Toby Inge and Audrey Dale recently.

Miss Pauline Miller and William Ranson, who spent last week at 4-H Club Camp at Holliday Lake, returned home Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Frank Ranson were at Darlington Heights Saturday night, attending the marriage of her sister, Dorothy.

Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Payne spent the week-end here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Elder.

Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Payne, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Elder and Mr. Myers attended the revival meeting at Salem Church Saturday night.

Mrs. G. T. Marsh celebrated her birthday Saturday. She was surprised with a birthday dinner Sunday.

Friends are sorry to hear that Mrs. Eugie K. Hamilton and Miss Vivian Wooldridge have been patients at a Lynchburg Hospital.

Louise and Ryland Taylor celebrated their birthdays last week. Also David Almond.

Cassie Baldwin left Friday afternoon for Baltimore, Md., where she went to attend a meeting of the I. L. G. W. U.

The Rev. Tearle Brown preached a fine sermon at Rocks Sunday. Quite a few visitors were there to hear him.

Concord

Mrs. Alfred Doss is improving after returning from the hospital, where she underwent an operation.

Mrs. Andy Weiman and son, Andy left last Monday for Miami, Fla., after spending a vacation with Mrs. H. W. Steele.

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